

MEDICAID SCHOOL BASED SERVICES FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Question	Answer
1. Can the school and the private provider bill Medicaid for different services on the same day?	<p><u>Yes.</u> There are no restrictions placed on procedure codes for different services billed on the same day under SBS. The Individualized Education Plan (IEP) indicates justification for the provision of health related services. All services must be medically necessary and cannot be duplicative of other services in order to be reimbursed by Medicaid.</p> <p><u>Reference:</u> Resolution Manual at www.dhw.idaho.gov Medicaid Automated System. Access a claim specialist, who can provide the information, by calling 208.364.1986.</p>
2. Are all services on the IEP reimbursable?	<p><u>No.</u> The following health-related services if medically necessary and included on the IEP are reimbursable from Medicaid when provided to eligible students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collateral contact • Developmental Therapy and Evaluation • Medical Equipment and Supplies • Nursing Services • Occupational Therapy and Evaluation • Person Care Services • Physical Therapy and Evaluation • Psychotherapy • Psychosocial Rehabilitation • Intensive Behavioral Intervention • Speech/Audio logical Therapy and Evaluation • Social History and Evaluation <p><u>Reference:</u> IDAPA 16.03.09.852 Coverage and Limitations</p>

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3. Can Medicaid be billed without the parent's permission?	<p><u>No.</u> The school district must obtain a signed release/consent from the parent(s) in order to verify the student's eligibility for Medicaid and to bill Medicaid for covered IEP related services that are provided to the student.</p> <p><u>Reference:</u> IDAPA 16.03.09.854.06(d) Requirements for Cooperation and Notification</p>
4. Can the school bill Medicaid if the student has private insurance?	<p><u>Yes.</u> In such cases the school districts must inform families of the policy that Medicaid is the payer of last resort. Private insurance is billed first, and Medicaid is only the payer of last resort.</p>
5. Can the Psychologist bill time spent writing the report after testing is completed?	<p><u>Yes.</u> Refer to the current Medicaid School Based Service Handbook guidelines which indicate that reimbursement is for psychological testing per hour of the physician's time, both face-to-face time with the patient and time interpreting test results and preparing the report.</p> <p><u>Reference:</u> Medicaid Provider Handbook 3.2.12.1 Evaluation Services</p>
6. Are "social histories" reimbursable if the student does not end up with an IEP?	<p><u>Yes.</u> Evaluations to determine eligibility or the need for health related services may be reimbursed.</p> <p><u>Reference:</u> IDAPA 16.03.09.852.02 Evaluation and Diagnostic Services</p>
7. What is collateral contact?	<p>Collateral contact is consultation or treatment direction about the student to a significant other in the student's life which may be face to face or by telephone contact. The following contacts are not reimbursable as collateral contacts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General staff training • Regularly scheduled staff training • Regularly scheduled parent-teacher conferences • General parent education • Treatment meetings even when the parent is present <p><u>Reference:</u> IDAPA 16.03.09.852.03(a) Collateral Contact</p>
8. What can be billed under Interpretive Services?	<p>Medicaid payment will be made to the provider when it is necessary for the provider to hire an interpreter in order to communicate with a participant when they are providing a direct service. Payment will not be made for interpretive services to assist the participant to understand information or services that are not reimbursed by Medicaid. Payment will not be made for interpretive services when the provider of the service is able to communicate in the participant's language or sign language.</p> <p><u>Reference:</u> IDAPA 16.03.09.852.03(o) Coverage and Limitations</p>

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9. Does Medicaid reimburse for a 504 plan?	<p><u>No.</u> Medicaid reimburses for Medicaid services on the following plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individualized Education Plan (IEP) • Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) • Service Plan (SP) <p><u>Reference:</u> IDAPA 16.03.09.853.01 Procedural Requirements</p>
10. Are School Based Services prior-authorized?	<p><u>No.</u> School Based Service rules do not require that health related services included in a child's IEP is prior authorized.</p>
11. Are all evaluations, including social histories billable if directed toward a Medicaid covered health related service?	<p><u>Yes.</u></p> <p><u>Reference:</u> IDAPA 16.03.09.852.02 Evaluation and Diagnostic Services</p>
12. Can the services of a practitioner who has completed and passed the test for IBI certification bill Medicaid while the practitioner is in the process of fulfilling certification requirements?	<p>The practitioner must pass the IBI Certification Exam and have an approved IBI Student Project through the Idaho Training Cooperative in order to bill Medicaid during completion of their student project. See page 70 of the Student Project Manual for additional details at:</p> <p>Reference: http://www.idahocdhd.org/DNN/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=QxQ1Wot1Ny4%3d&tabid=127&mid=487 </p>
13. Is the school district required to allow private providers into the school to provide services?	<p><u>No.</u></p> <p><u>Reference:</u> IDAPA 16.03.09.855.03 Contracted Providers</p>
14. When school districts provide IBI, will the time affect the 3 year limitation on IBI?	<p><u>No.</u> The IBI 3 year limitation per child by a private agency does not count against the IBI services delivered in the school.</p> <p><u>Reference:</u> Parent Brochure: “ Special Education/Health Related Services for my Child”</p>

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15. What policy or informational web sites are out there to help understand Medicaid and School Based Services?	<p><u>References:</u></p> <p><i>Department of Health & Welfare</i> http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov</p> <p><i>Department of Administration, Idaho Administrative rules</i> http://adm.idaho.gov/adminrules & IDAPA 16.03.09 School Based Services</p> <p><i>Department of Education, Bureau of Special Populations</i> http://www.sde.idaho.gov/Special Education/Medicaid. asp</p> <p><i>U.S. Department of Education</i> http://www.ed.gov/index.jhtml</p> <p><i>U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services</i> http://www.cms.hhs.gov/</p>
16. Where can I obtain the Medicaid rules and provider handbook?	<p><u>References:</u></p> <p>Department of Health and Welfare; see “Medicaid Basic Plan Benefits” www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov</p> <p>Department of Administration; see Administrative Rules” http://adm.idaho.gov/adminrules at section 16.03.09.851</p> <p>To request a hard copy, please mail your request to: Sherri Kovach Administrative Procedures Coordinator DHW – Administrative Procedures Section 450 West State Street, 10th floor P.O. Box 83720-0036 Boise, ID 83720 kovachs@dhw.idaho.gov</p>
17. Are Healthy Connection referrals required for School Based Services?	<p><u>No.</u> Healthy Connection referral is not required for School Based Services</p> <p><u>Reference:</u> Idaho Medicaid Provider Handbook – Rehabilitative and Health Related Services Guidelines 3.2.5.1</p>
18. What does “substantial functional limitation” mean?	<p>Medicaid criterion for DD services is described at:</p> <p><u>Reference:</u> IDAPA 16.03.10.501 DD Determination Standards</p>

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19. Is a licensed psychologist considered a “practitioner of the healing arts” within the Medicaid program?	<p><u>No.</u></p> <p><u>Reference:</u> IDAPA 16.03.09.853(02)</p>
20. What are the requirements for “notification of parents”?	<p>Parents of students must be notified when the school intends to bill Medicaid.</p> <p><u>Reference:</u> IDAPA 16.03.09.854.06 Requirements for Cooperation with and Notification of Parents and Agencies.</p>
21. Do all evaluations (speech/lang, psych, OT/PT) need to be signed by the evaluator?	<p><u>Yes.</u> This is accepted medical standard practice.</p> <p><u>Reference:</u> IDAPA 16.03.09.854(05)(06) Parental Notification and Requirements for Cooperation with and Notification of Parents and Agencies</p>

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